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For: OPTICS ALIGNMENT AND)	
CALIBRATION SYSTEM)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

B1 --Test strip 1 is provided with an alignment mechanism which may have features 5
and 10 designed to mate with features 20 and 25 on optics shield 15. These are designed to
issue positive alignment of the test strip to the optics. It is contemplated that other
configurations meeting the intent of the invention are within the scope of this invention.--